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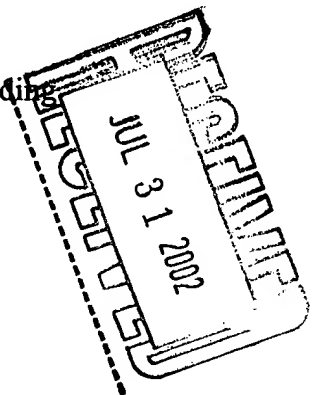
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Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") in accordance with its duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-1.98. This IDS is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), before issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Also attached is a copy of the cited reference, together with a listing thereof on Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the cited reference and entry into the record of this application.

Applicant notes for the record that cited reference U.S. Patent No. 5,896,500 is a member of a patent family, which includes U.S. Patent Nos. 5,758,079, 5,802,294, 5,854,893, 5,867,654, 5,689,641, and 5,915,091. When the disclosure of two or more patents

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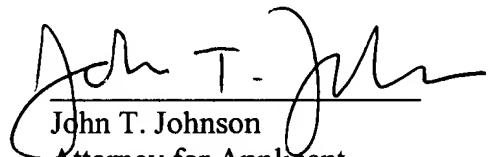
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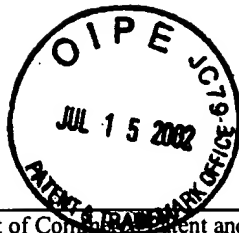
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